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In re the Application of

Jean-Noel TELLES et al.

Group Art Unit: 1648

Application No.: 09/980,777

Examiner: J. Stucker

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Docket No.: 111380

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Sir:

In reply to the August 22, 2003 Office communication, Applicants respectfully submit that the May 19, 2003 Response to Restriction Requirement did state an election of the mutation at position 90 with traverse. As acknowledged by Examiner Stucker in the September 2, 2003 telephone conference with Applicants' representative, the May 19

Response, at page 6, section II, did in fact contain the required election and therefore was fully responsive as filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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